[Shri Moturu Hanumantha Rao]

proved useful. While cutting the staff below, more managerial posts are created in the name of Managers, General Managers, Chief General Managers etc. Changes may be made and they are welcome if they are better that the existing system in serving the public. Change should be better and not worse. Already the public is sufficient because of lack of speed post. Express delivery system which was there once gave place to speed post and now that too is given up. One has to spend a lot of money to rush any letter through airline services. Added to this, now even the ordinary post is delayed. So this is to be totally revamped to see that the method of speedy delivery is resorted. After much agitation in the press and the public, the Parliamentary Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Communications, set up a sub-Committee to go into the matter. It was headed by Mr. Parasaran and Shri Dipen Ghosh and others who were there. Though its final report did not come out as Lok Sabha elections were announced, its finding may be taken up by the present Ministry of Communications to proceed immediately to rectify the situation and put the postal services in order.

Thank you, Madam.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (RAILWAYS) 1990-91

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Supplementary Demands for the year 1990-91. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, I am on a point of order.

Madam, how can he lay when I am raising a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is your point of order?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: My joint of order is that in the listed business before the House, it was listed at 2.30 P.M. The House reassemble at 2.30 P.M. You took the Chair at 2.30 P.M. The Minister was not here. He came ten minutes late. You cannot allow him to raise it whenever he feels like. We have to know he came late. He cannot take the House for a ride.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I can tell you one thing. There is much listed business and if you want to abide by it, then from 12 o'clock, I am going to abide by the listed business and nobody would be allowed to open his mouth.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: That is a different issue.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, there is no different issue in the House. The Minister could have been delayed, his train could have got delayed. He is the Railway Minister. Let me find out what was his problem.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: I want to say one thing. Let him apologise.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No. No apology is needed. For everything, everybody does no have to apologise. I am sorry. The Members make a lot of bad remarks to the Chair. I must remind you. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI JAYANATHI NATARAJAN: I never made it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat. (*Interruptions*). Many a time, there are people who have also misbehaved with Members and the Chair. How many people apologised so that I should ask the Minister to apologise? He will tell us why he was delayed. (*Interruptions*). You cannot ask for apology for the whole day.

श्री जार्ज फर्नांडीज : महोदया, मैं आपके माध्यम से सदन से क्षमा चाहता हूं कि आने

में देर हो गई । देर होने का एक ही कारण था कि वह पूरक मांगें इस सदन में रखने से पहले लोकसभा में भी रखनी थीं क्योंकि यह आज की सूची में वहां दर्ज थीं । वहां मुझे करीब 2 बजकर 35 मिनट पर बुलाया गया । इन्हें वहां पेश करने के बाद सीधा मैं उस सदन से इस सदन में आया हूं ।

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH (Maharashtra):*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No. It won't go on record. It is not going on record. It will not be reported anywhere. So please take your seat. Now Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan. The National Commission for Women Bill, 1990. (*Interruption*). Don't interrupt Women's Commission.

THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN BILL, 1990—Contd.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Who is the Minister handling women?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The lady is there. There are many people who handle things. Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan. (*Interruption*). Mr. Vishvjitji let her speak. Don't brief her now on women's affairs. There is one hour and 50 minutes allocated for the Congress party. I have nine Members listed. I would likt you to accordingly divide your time so that others are not deprived of it. I am just telling you in advance.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, I rise to support the Bill and the party to which I belong is also supporting the Bill.

Madam, I feel that there are several loopholes and several deficiencies in the Bill which we need to talk about and if possible, I would call opon the Government and my colleagues on the other side to rise above political differences and sort out whatever loopholes are there and take in the amendments that we may bring forward.

Throughout the world, girl children are born in shackles. They live in male-dominated servitude for most of their lives. In recent years, ...(*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No interruption when we are discussing the National Commission for Women Bill. No gentlemanly interruption. (*Interruption*). It will be very ungentlemanly.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Madam, ...(*Interruptions*)...but the women's segments of the population have still to secure their freedom, both physilally and psychologically...(*Interruption*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Protect the women.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: ... and still they live in fetters. All man-made laws and social conventions ensure the dominance of men over women and the domination beings even before birth. (*Interruption*).

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR (Uttar Pradesh) ...about Muslim's rights. It is your party.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: I was not a party to that. Mathur Sahab, I would say this even before I continue. I do not want to get distracted again. This is an issue which is not a political issue. You are referring to the Muslim Women's Bill. I myself was against it. I was not a part of it. I condemn it today. And I asked the Prime Minister. the present Prime Minister. The National Front made a song and dance about the Muslim Women's Bill. Mr. Arif Mohd. Khan said he resigned because of the Muslim Women's Bill. I asked the Prime Minister in Parliament whether he is willing to repeal the Muslim Women's Bill and he refused. He said that he would not do it. Will you withdraw support, Mr. Mathur, to this Government because the Prime Minister refused to do it? Will your BJP withdraw support today? Will the BJP do that? They are just supporting the Government.

*Not recorded.